

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FAMILY MASS WITH MAY PROCESSION

This Sunday, 14th May at 10.30am

FAMILY BOARD GAME AFTERNOON

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL

21ST MAY, 2023

THE THAMES CLEAN UP

THE BIG PLASTIC BLITZ

Has been postponed until September

FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE

10.30am, Sunday, 18th June

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

12 noon, Sunday, 9th July

Thought for the week

14th May, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our eight-year-old grandson when asked for his New Year resolution, replied: *"Not to sound so confident when I really do not know the answer"*.

This might be right for an eight-year-old, but today's second reading (from the first letter of St Peter): *"Always have your answer ready for people who ask the reason for the hope that you all have"*

The first reading (from the Acts of the Apostles) describes Philip's preaching the Risen Christ in Samaria *"where there was much joy in that city"*.

How are we to have this hope and joy? Jesus in today's Gospel provides the answer: *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth, whom the world can never receive, since it neither sees nor knows him, but you know him because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans."*

In the New Testament alone there are some 261 passages which refer to the Holy Spirit. He is mentioned fifty-six times in the Gospels, fifty-seven times in the book of Acts, 112 times in the Pauline epistles, and thirty-six times in the remaining New Testament. So, do we call him? All too often the Spirit remains the forgotten person of the Blessed Trinity.

Prayer *"Holy Spirit you are always with me...Impart to me the desire to turn to you frequently throughout the day"*.



**We ask you please, to pray for the following people
who continue to ask for your prayers;**

Please Pray for Jim Hardiman.

Please Pray for Maria McNamara's niece who is undergoing chemotherapy. Her name is Alison Flynn née McNamara.

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who has had his stem cell transplant to treat the Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers please for a successful outcome.

Please pray for Father Paul Rowan who continues to recover after chemotherapy.

Please pray for Beth Selwood.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 2 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Shirley Trollop.

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Simon Keen who is recovering from an operation.

Please pray for Mary Haggar.

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who is 10 and whose Leukaemia has returned. Rogan has to have 3 months chemo so he continues to need our prayers.

Please pray for the residents and staff of Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for the pupils, teachers and parents of St Martin's school.



**Please remember in your prayers those whose
anniversaries occur at this time including;**

Mary Scullen, Kenneth Alfred Dean,
Fr. Robert O'Neill O.F.M., Fr Xavier O.F.M.,
Kenneth Pereira, Mary Fry, Francis O'Neill,
Lissu Savvin.